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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 37  
and Title 49, relative to state share of education funding  
for children in foster care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-105, is amended by adding the  
following new subdivision:

(15) Provide current information to the department of education on the  
location of each child placed in a foster care home, or awaiting such placement,  
for purposes of assisting the department of education in fulfilling its elementary  
and secondary education funding responsibilities, including but not limited to, the  
duties provided in Section 49-3-363. If a child is placed in a new foster home, or  
is released from foster care, the commissioner shall promptly notify the  
department of education. The commissioner shall coordinate with the  
commissioner of education to ensure that the state is not providing duplicate  
education funding for the same child or failing to provide funding for any child.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-411(a), is amended by adding  
the following new appropriately designated subdivision:

(11) The department's success in meeting the requirements of Section 37-5-105(15) in properly tracking children in foster care and avoiding duplicate payments for the education of children in foster care.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-207(a), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of that subsection:

The commissioner of education shall include in such report the department's use of information provided by the commissioner of children's services pursuant to Section 37-5-105(15) to ensure that proper allocation of resources is made for the education of children in foster care.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-207(b), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of that subsection:

The commissioner of children's services shall include in such report the department's success in meeting the requirements of Section 37-5-105(15) in properly tracking children in foster care and avoiding duplicate payments for the education of children in foster care.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-363, is amended by adding the following language at the end of that section:

The commissioner of education shall use information furnished by the department of children's services pursuant to Section 37-5-105(15) to ensure the proper allocation of resources for the education of children in foster care.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.